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## Editorial Comment

### WELCOME HOME

No tremendous challenge has been given to personal leadership and to other victorious leaders returning from the war in the whole history of the pride and joy they are feeling deep in the hearts of America for all those who have fought so successfully and so well. We are delighted from the way the welcome given the generals proves we say that the people know and understand the part and realize the contribution of each individual, and whenever they meet the fact that as capable as any people of the world they have done a great work.

We could wish that every person might be to give a great homecoming to all service men who have returned to their home communities and to those who are returning in the days and months to come. We know we speak for the hearts of all when we say that we are glad they are home.

### WAR BALLOTS

Less than 5,000 requests have been filed for war ballots in Virginia from relatives or friends of those in the service who have not yet registered. Many of those in the service have shown any interest whatever in casting a vote in the election this fall, but it can be presumed that many of the ballots sent to them at the request of relatives and friends will be returned to vote for the candidates of their choice. In addition, many citizens will be voting against party nominees, addresses, or the fact that large numbers of service men are in redeployment and their votes will not reach up with them.

In contrast to this state-wide situation, it may be noted that a large number of requests for war ballots from Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Hampton and Fort Monroe have been received. Many of these ballots will be voted by men who have been discharged from the service and who are returning to their homes.

### THE YEAR OF THE MOULTS

From New York Times

This is the seventeenth year since they last grew and changed, and they are today) against pugnacity, which is a quality that is developed with a passionate hate for the Japanese. The locusts are here, the periodic cicadas, locusts, whatever you call them, and they are a very interesting phenomenon. Perhaps you have noticed in your garden or in the trees around your house the little shells that they emerged from their nymphal stage. Field & Stream points out exactly what they are and how they emerged into the light of day.

They are crawling now, and feeding and flying, and the males have a peculiar instrument for producing sound. They have a certain beauty and charm that I have never seen in the cicadas, which, for all their size, are rather ugly. But these seventeen-year locusts, with their big red eyes and transparent wings edged with orange, are quite handsome. Their song is a pleasant sound, and it is very loud. Their song is produced by vibrating membranes, which are called tymbals, on the sides of the abdomen. The male has a pair of these tymbals, and there is a pair of sound chambers, or resonators, in the body cavity behind them. The sound is produced when the tymbals are vibrated rapidly by muscles attached to them. The sound is then greatly increased by the resonators. The female cicada, which does not sing, has the tymbals and resonators rudimentary.

Cicadas have a very short life above ground, but they have a very long life underground. They live on the juices of roots, and they suck these juices through a beak, or proboscis, which is inserted into the root. The nymphs, which are the young cicadas, live underground for seventeen years, and then they emerge, shed their nymphal skins, and fly away. The females lay their eggs in the twigs of trees, and the young nymphs hatch out and burrow into the ground, where they live for seventeen years more.

### LOOKING AS OVER

[illegible] Lynchburg News

### THE SUNDIAL SAY

From Wall Street Sun

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